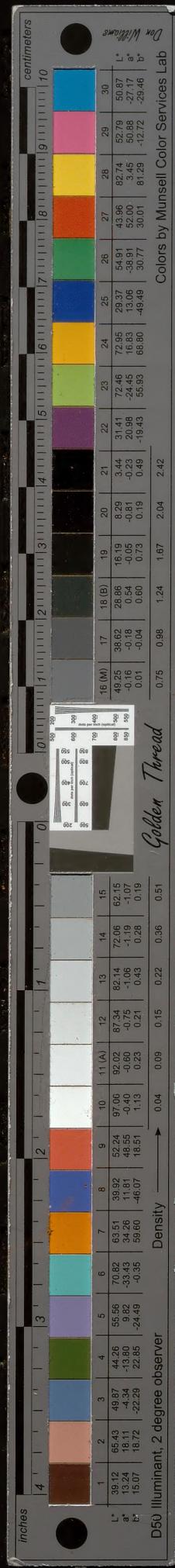


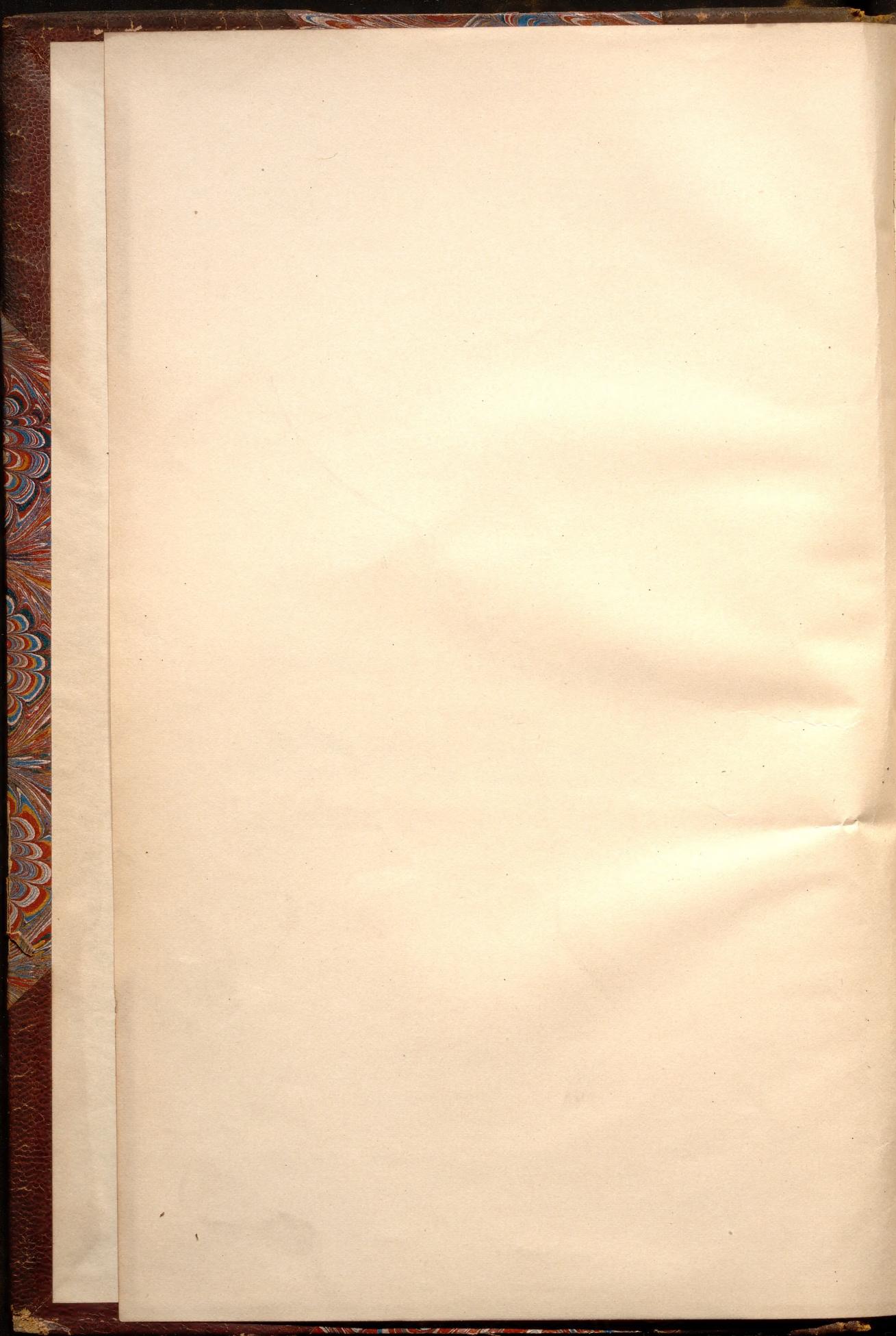
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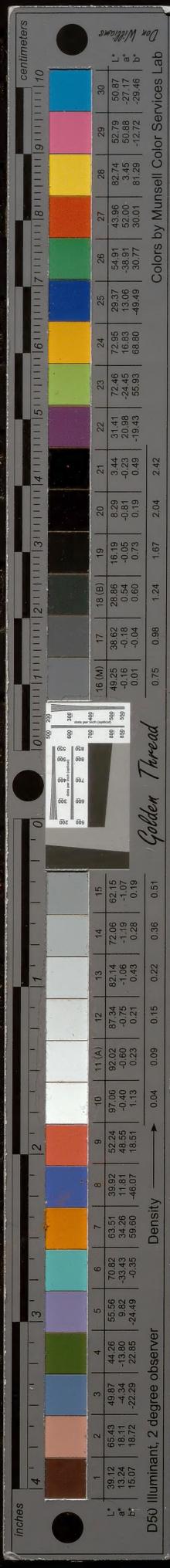
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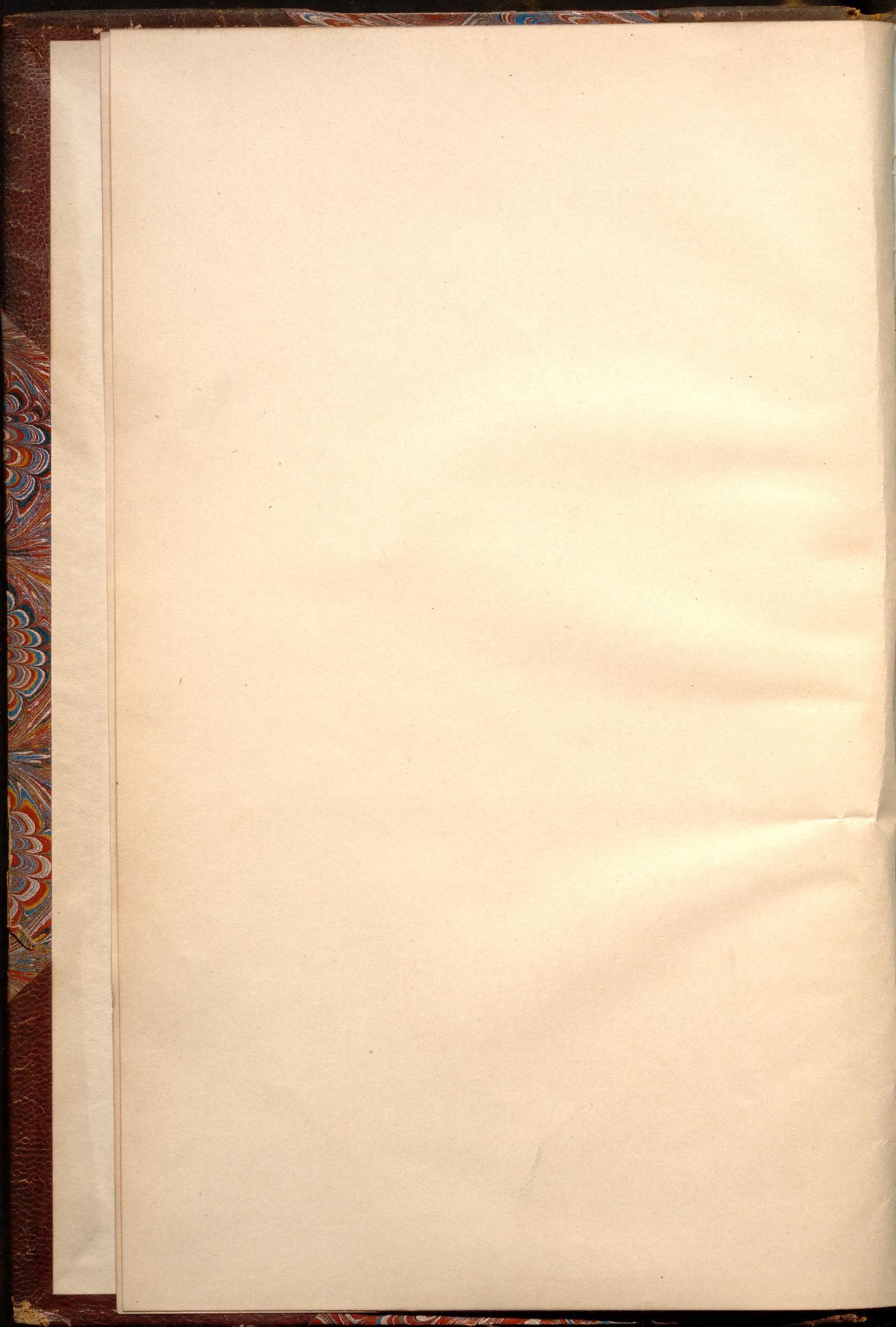


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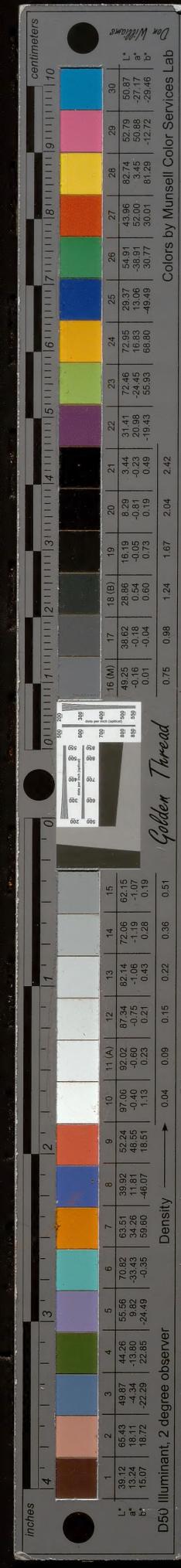
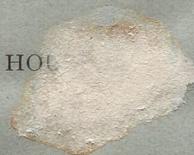
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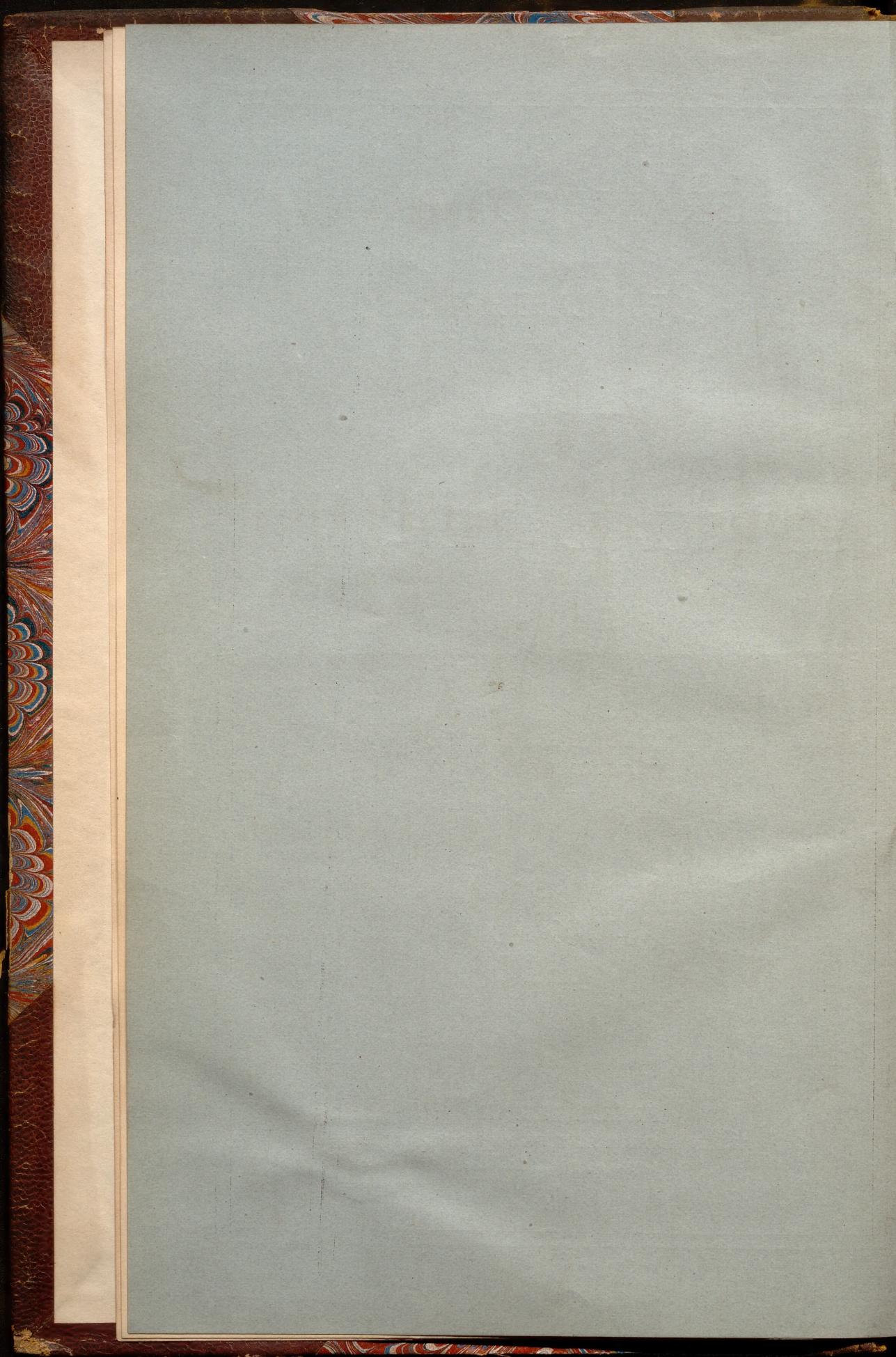
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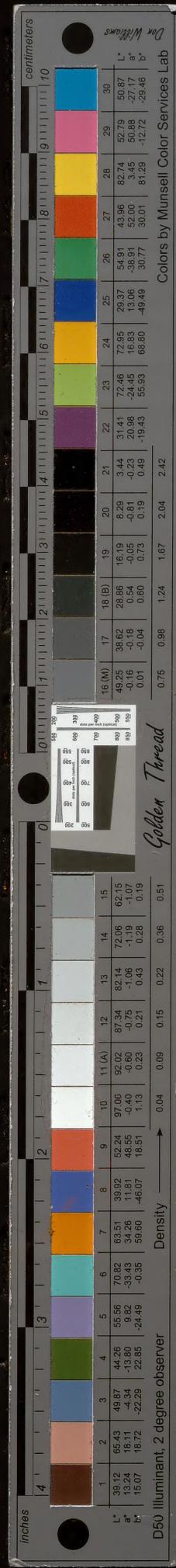
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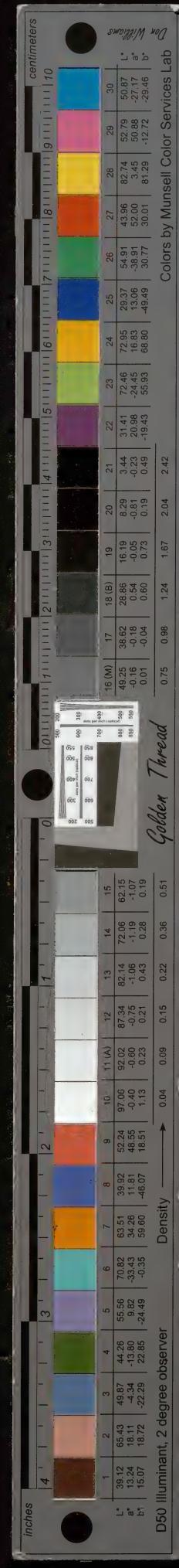
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF  
PHILADELPHIA:—

At this annual meeting,—the last which will be held within these venerable walls, honored not more for their associations than their use,—it is becoming that the directors of the company should state what are its present condition and prospects, and explain the circumstances and motives which have led to a change in the plan of its management. And as this has caused not merely a removal of the Library from its old site, but the taking up of new duties and responsibilities by the company itself, the directors may be excused if this explanation is given at some length.

The matter began in this way. In the year 1856 a number of the members who felt not only the risk to which the invaluable collections of the Library were exposed in the present structure, but saw that their further increase would be almost impossible within its limits, opened a subscription for the erection of a new building, which should be fire-proof, and of a capacity to meet the wants of the future as well as the present. This subscription, after reaching a considerable sum, did not thereafter advance as rapidly as was hoped, but in the year 1868, the fund was unexpectedly increased by the liberal bequests of Joseph Fisher, which were made without any other condition than that implied in the gift itself, that it should be employed in the erection of the proposed building. When some litigation, which arose in regard to the validity of the will, had ended in favor of the company, the time for action seemed to have come. Accordingly, at the annual meeting held on May 3d, 1869, a resolution of the members was unanimously

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adopted, by which, after reciting that "the present accommodations of the Library are entirely insufficient for the preservation of the present number of books, without reference to any prospective increase, and the building fund has become very considerable in amount," it was enacted that the directors should have full power and authority, when they should think proper, to purchase a lot in the city of Philadelphia on the best terms they could procure.

A committee was appointed by the directors to carry into effect this resolution, and they had made some progress in their inquiries, when, within a month after the resolution had been adopted, the death of Dr. Rush occurred. His will, the clauses and objects of which have been the subject of much discussion, need not be referred to here, as they are familiar to the members. It is sufficient to say that they were of such a nature that the directors hesitated to recommend the acceptance of his bequest until the building proposed was, as the testator had provided in terms, completed and tendered to the company; for until then the obligations, pecuniary and otherwise, which such acceptance would involve, and which were very uncertain in themselves, could not be determined. The matter, however, was left to the vote of the members, who, by a very small majority, agreed to accept in advance.

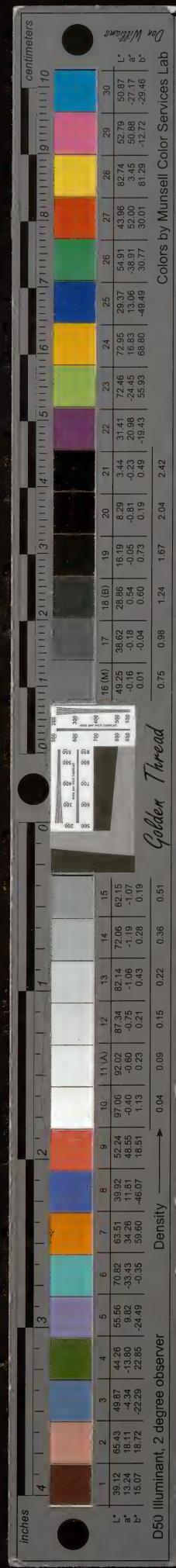
This, though showing, so far as it went, the wishes of the members, was not conclusive, because, though there was a majority of the votes actually cast, it was in fact much less than a majority of the whole number of the members, counting in those who were absent or who abstained from voting. The objects proposed, however, required an alteration of the charter, to be ratified at a special meeting afterwards called for the purpose, and at this the real majority might turn out to be the other way. In order to bring this to the test, the directors

forthwith applied to and obtained from the legislature authority to amend the charter of the company, so far as might be necessary to enable them to act as trustees under Dr. Rush's will, with the proviso "that the real and personal estate of the company, including such books, pictures, statues, and other works of literature and art as now are or shall hereafter be held by them in their own right, or on any other or different trusts, shall be in no wise affected thereby, but shall remain and be under their own entire and exclusive control and disposition."

This qualification was necessary, for if, as some feared, and the fear has so far been justified, the income of so much of the residuary estate of Dr. Rush as might remain after the erection of the proposed building would at times be insufficient for its current expenses, the slender means of the Library Company ought not to be taken to make good the deficiency; and as respects property held on other or different trusts, such as that of the Loganian Library, it would be obviously improper to permit it to be merged in one common liability. Nor, as the event has shown, was this in conflict with the intentions of Dr. Rush; nor did it deprive the company of any benefit which they could have otherwise secured under his will.

The act itself was adopted unanimously by the members at a general meeting, and the subsequent conveyance of the Ridgway Library building, and of the remaining part of Dr. Rush's estate, was in effect subject to its provisions.

The act also solves a difficulty which weighed with many at first, the inconvenience of the location chosen for the Ridgway Branch Library. The controversy to which this gave rise may well be buried in the past. Whether the ultimate decision was right or wrong, it



left the Library Company free to keep up an establishment of their own in a better place. There was certainly great reason to apprehend that the remote situation of the new building would induce many members to forfeit their shares, and thus cause a serious loss to the income of the company. This danger, however, is now fortunately removed, and it may be that the future growth of the city will justify Dr. Rush's foresight.

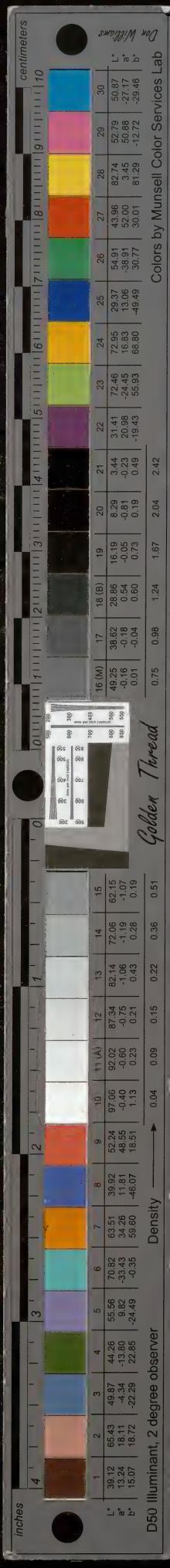
Before the irrevocable step of accepting a conveyance of the new building had to be taken, however, a new and serious difficulty arose. For many years the Library Company had been exempted from taxation under a private act of Assembly; but by the new constitution of 1874 all such special legislation was abolished, and the legislature was restricted to the passage of general laws exempting property from taxation in certain defined classes of cases, under which it was feared that the company might not fall. A general law on the subject was in fact passed in 1874, within whose provisions the library would probably be included, but it could not, of course, overstep the constitutional limits.

A serious question thus arose, whether the directors could any longer act on the vote of the members to accept the bequest. As a matter of fact, it had become certain that the cost of the erection of the building at Broad and Christian streets would be so great that if it were assessed with the lot for taxation at that rate, the taxes with the annuities would greatly exceed the annual income. Nor would the revenues of the company, diminished as they would be by the charge of its own taxation, have sufficed to make up the deficiency. Such a result would plainly compel the abandonment of the trust as a mere matter of self-preservation.

The Supreme Court of the State, however, in a proceeding instituted by the collector of taxes, wisely regarding the real interests of the community, held that the Library Company, in its liberal organization and its utility to our citizens, was within the spirit of the constitution and thus capable of exemption. It must not, however, be overlooked that this is a privilege and not a right; and its continuance can only be expected from our justifying by our actions our right to be called a public institution.

Pending the protracted litigation over the will of Dr. Rush, and while its result was uncertain, the directors thought that it would be unwise to lose sight of the position in which the company would be placed should it prove in the end that they would have to retract their acceptance of the provisions of the will. And even if this were not the case, it was for the benefit of the public and the members that they should retain, in a more convenient and accessible part of the city, a working portion of their collections, as the act of Assembly permitted them to do.

For these reasons the committee on the fire-proof building appointed before Dr. Rush's death, was continued, with the object of acquiring under the resolution of May 3, 1869, a suitable lot. To determine the situation of the proposed purchase, was of the first importance, and to this much consideration was given. The conclusion arrived at was that the neighborhood of Broad and Walnut streets was even then the most convenient point for the majority of the members, and was likely to become more so in time. This conclusion was confirmed subsequently by a list made of the members and their residences, the practical result of which was exhibited in the form of a chart, which was used in 1872



in the litigation then in progress. Every succeeding year has increased the westward tendency thus exhibited.

At the present time, so far as can be ascertained, of the members, there reside east of Tenth street, 119 West of Tenth street.....	692
	811
At Germantown.....	94
North Pennsylvania Railroad.....	10
Reading Railroad ... .....	4
Non-residents, &c.....	31
	950

It appears then that of the eight hundred and eleven city residents, eighty-six per cent., or nearly seven-eighths, live west of Tenth street, which has been taken as being about half way between the old and new sites. To those residing in Germantown the distance is practically the same.

Assuming this neighborhood to be the most desirable for the purpose, the committee made careful inquiry on the subject, both before and after the death of Dr. Rush, and indeed as late as last autumn, but were not able to find any lots which were not either too small in dimensions, too dangerous in site, or too costly for our means; at least none which combined more advantages than that at the north-west corner of Juniper and Locust streets, which had been at first selected. Even as a temporary investment, it was not open to objection—for the buildings on it returned a fair rental, and since the commencement of the public buildings on Penn

square, the value of property in that part of the town was likely to rise. Another advantage was, that, while very near the principal thoroughfares of the city, it was not exposed to the dust and noise which are inseparable from them.

The size of the lot, which is one hundred and ten feet in front on Locust street, by about two hundred and fifty feet in depth on Juniper street, was a further inducement. Should the company be forced to give up the building at Broad and Christian streets, the lot in question would be ample for its present collections and their extension for an indefinite period of years.

The expediency of the removal to a new site was, as has been said, endorsed by an unanimous vote of the shareholders in 1869. During each succeeding year, the risks to which the Library has been exposed have caused growing anxiety to the directors. Fire might at any moment destroy a priceless collection of books accumulated during a century and a half. And the present location has become more and more unsuitable to the class of readers to which the members belong, especially to ladies. But before the settlement of the questions in regard to the acceptance of Dr. Rush's bequest, and the obligations it imposed, it was impossible to act. Until then, the size and character of the building could not be determined, nor was it certain that, after such acceptance, a separate library building could be erected, consistently with the provisions of the will. And if not, what could be done with the building fund?

When these questions, therefore, were settled last summer in a manner which left liberty of action to the board, they felt that they must assume at once the responsibility of that action, which had been too long delayed. Fortunately the very delay, the risk being now almost



past, had been of service in this, that the cost of erecting the building, by reason of the great fall in prices, would be perhaps one-half below what it might have been ten years ago. Still it would not have been wise to trust to this condition of things lasting for any long period. With the revival of business, a fresh rise in prices was to be expected.

The directors, therefore, proceeded forthwith to get plans and estimates from competent architects, and after due consideration selected those of Mr. Frank Furness, and then obtained tenders from contractors for the different portions of the work. This is now begun, and it is expected will be completed, and the building ready for occupancy, before the end of the year.

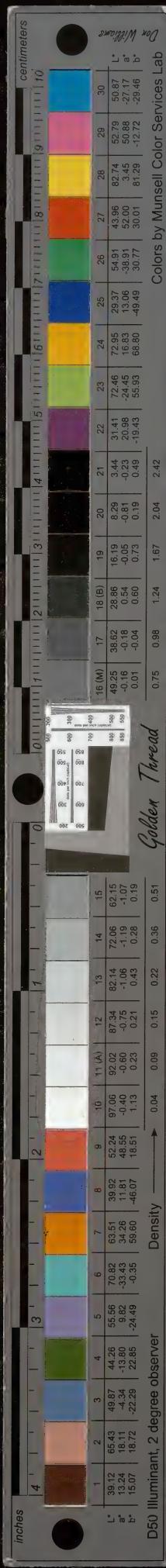
The elevation or outside plan of the building is now exhibited in the present Library. It is to be of brick with Hummelstown brown-stone trimmings; and will be entirely fire-proof. The cost of the structure itself will be about \$34,750. The shelving, fitting up, and outside work will make an aggregate of \$46,000 for the whole work; a sum less than the present cash assets of the building fund, leaving \$3000 to \$4000 for contingencies. None but the most responsible as well as competent contractors have been selected, and as the contracts specify distinctly the work to be done under each, and its cost, there is every reason to believe that the estimates will not be exceeded.

The front part of the building, seventy-six feet front by thirty-two feet depth, is to be occupied by the offices of the company, and by rooms for ladies; the rear will be composed of a single reading-room fifty-nine feet four inches square, which will be on the floor entirely unobstructed, leaving ample space for readers. Around this will be shelves for books, without any alcoves. Above will be a gallery surrounding the room, on which there are to be alcoves as well as shelves. This contemplates

a capacity of about twenty-five thousand volumes; but this can be increased at a small cost, if desired, by additional galleries for which arrangements have been made, to fifty thousand volumes. At present, it is not likely these will be needed. The reading-room will be lighted from above, and also by side windows so placed as not to break the line of shelving.

To the mode of occupation of the new Library, due attention has been given by the directors. Good faith to the founder of the Ridgway branch obliges them to place there the larger and more substantial part of their collections, and accordingly a very large number of their own books, as well as the whole of the Loganian Library, has already been transferred there. The system which is to govern permanently in the division of the collections, has not yet been definitely determined.

To simplify the matter, in the first instance, it was thought advisable to send down to the building at Broad and Christian streets, that part of our own collection which was covered by the printed catalogue, except novels and duplicates. By this the delay of more careful selection was avoided, and the most valuable part of the collection was removed from the risks to which it was exposed. It is not, however, proposed to treat this as a final disposition of the question. It seems probable that a more convenient and intelligent division would be in the line somewhat marked out in Dr. Rush's will, as exhibiting his own preferences. In that view, it would be proper to send to the Ridgway Library the class of books, without regard to the date of acquisition, which are used by the student and more serious readers,—such as those on religion, metaphysics, the classical authors, the more important scientific, geographical, and historical works,—only retaining of these any duplicates we might possess, and, for a time, all new works of general



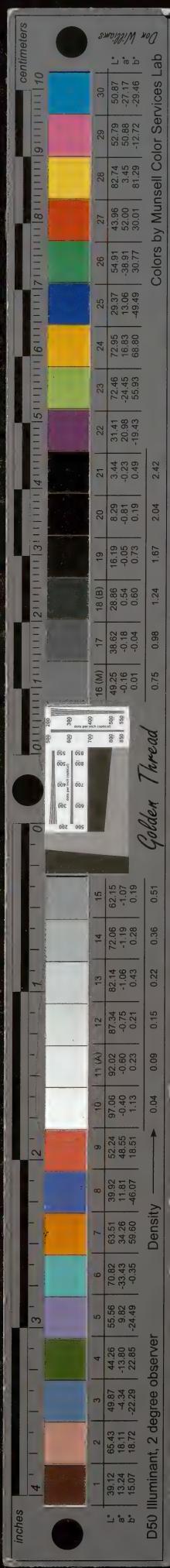
popular demand. On the other hand, there could be placed, temporarily or permanently, in the new library building, books better fitted to a circulating library in the ordinary sense,—which in fact the company began with, and thus restoring its primitive simplicity,—such as recent histories, travels, biography, periodicals, works of art and fiction. These seem to be less appropriate to Dr. Rush's scheme, though not excluded by it. It would be further desirable to retain, in the interest of the public, a class of works which are constantly in requisition in the courts, and by persons connected with public bodies or newspapers, for whom the building at Broad and Christian streets would, for practical purposes, be inaccessible. This return we owe to the liberal policy which has exempted our property from taxation. This class would comprehend common books of reference, congressional and state documents, newspapers, maps, and documents of local importance. In this arrangement, the board will, however, be controlled by experience, and the preferences of the members. In a short time, it can be discovered by the statistics, what class of books, in the debateable ground between the extremes suggested, is most called for at each institution.

By this means there can be little doubt that the objections to the division of the books, which have been urged as well by some who would simply reject the gift of Dr. Rush, as by some who would accept it without reserve, can be removed, and the wishes of a majority of the members met.

This being the plan of division which will probably be adopted, it remains to state in general how the new Library is to be worked.

1. There will be a spacious reading-room, well warmed and ventilated, and properly furnished.

2. The current magazines and periodicals of a scientific and literary character will be provided.
3. Special accommodations for ladies, with a sitting-room, are arranged.
4. The Library will, as soon as practicable, be open in the evening to readers.
5. Annual subscriptions will be allowed for the future at fixed rates, as new shares can not be issued by the company.
6. An arrangement is contemplated by which books can be delivered to members and subscribers at their homes, free of cost.
7. Separate accounts for members and subscribers will be kept at both branches, with somewhat similar privileges as to the number of books to be taken out on each.
8. Facilities to students of Art will be offered in the use of books on that subject, of which the Library has an increasing number.
9. The new building will be connected by telephone with the Ridgway branch, and the interchange of books between the two will be effected in a more speedy way than at present. There is reason to expect that other libraries may be connected in this way with ours, so that a student in any one of them can at once discover whether



a book can elsewhere be found in the city, and have it procured for him, if possible.

With regard to the pecuniary condition of the Library Company, the following statement is furnished by the treasurer :—

Balance.....	\$2,442 81
Receipts for 1878-9.....	10,510 56
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	\$12,953 37

Payments :—

Salaries and wages.....	\$4,132 25
Other expenses.....	2,771 77
Books.....	4,846 68
	11,750 70
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Balance in hand.....	\$1,202 67
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The building fund, including the cost of the ground purchased, amounts to.....	\$120,368 99
Less expenses already incurred in building..	1,074 75
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	\$119,294,24
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It may be added here that when the present Library building is sold, after the removal to the new one, the proceeds of sale will doubtless be sufficient to add two or more thousand dollars yearly to the income of the company.

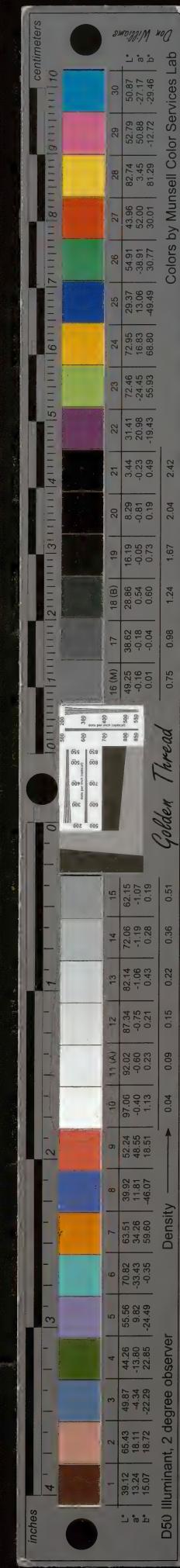
In order to form an estimate of the extent to which the Library is used, a list of persons visiting the building was begun on the 16th of last November. From that

it appears that up to April 3d, being one hundred and fifteen days, there were:—

Visits of members.....	21,862
"    messengers for members.....	3,480
	—
	25,342
"    "    strangers .....	8,508
	—
	33,850
Average per day, members.....	220.3
"    "    strangers.....	73.9
	—
	294.2

It has not yet been possible to determine with accuracy the number of books used or consulted, as many are read in the Library which are not set down in the ledger accounts. It is expected, however, that before long a system of tickets will be introduced which will furnish a complete record of the use of the Library. For the present purpose, the librarian considers that the books delivered to or for members will not average less than three a day. This would give during the one hundred and fifteen days an average of six hundred and sixty volumes a day. By a simple calculation it would thus appear that the space above estimated in the new building for twenty-five thousand volumes is ample for books in current use, without the addition of galleries.

The present financial condition of the Ridgway branch is, the directors regret to state, not as satisfactory as could be desired. When the building and lot of ground were actually conveyed to the company by Dr. Rush's executor, there was still much left to be done to put them in a condition for use, which, though in strictness included among the duties imposed on the executor, yet might well be considered as subjects for the discretion of the



company itself. These principally consisted in the shelving, the fitting up of the interior, and the laying out of the grounds around the building. Though the directors exercised strict economy in the matter, the cost of this, in an edifice of such dimensions and character, was very great; in fact it absorbed all the cash of the estate left on hand. The erection of the building itself, which with the lot cost about \$830,000 (which is exclusive of taxes, loss of interest before the completion of the building, and incidental expenses), had previously exhausted all the available cash assets of the estate. There has been left—as representing the income of residuary estate, by which the annuities are to be paid, the current expenses met, and the sinking fund provided for as required by the will,—only the rental of a number of house and store properties, not all in the best locations. This rental has been much reduced by the depressed condition of business. Moreover, since under the provisions of the will none of the real estate can be sold for a period not yet expired, some of the unavoidable expenditure of organizing the institution had to be cast on this diminished income. The consequence is that there is an estimated deficit for the first year of about \$2600. By the end of the succeeding year, it is expected that this will be reduced to \$200. With an improvement in the times and a reduction of the working expenses, this may even disappear. But it cannot be hoped that there will be left, for several years, any means for the purchase of books, and even a sufficiency of income for mere working expenses cannot be positively relied on.

Under these circumstances the propriety of the action of the company in stipulating that their funds, as well as their books, should be unaffected by their acceptance of the trusts under Dr. Rush's will, is manifest.

The number of visitors at the Ridgway Branch is, of course, as yet small, though increasing every month.

From December 1st to April 1st the statistics are as follows:—

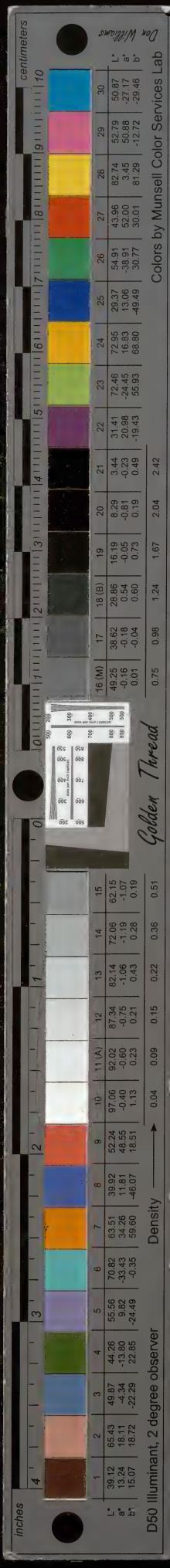
Readers .....	414
Books used.....	1,704
Books taken out.....	229
No record of visitors generally was kept in December or January, but for February and March, say fifty days, the aggregate was (including readers) .....	1,388
Average a day.....	27.7

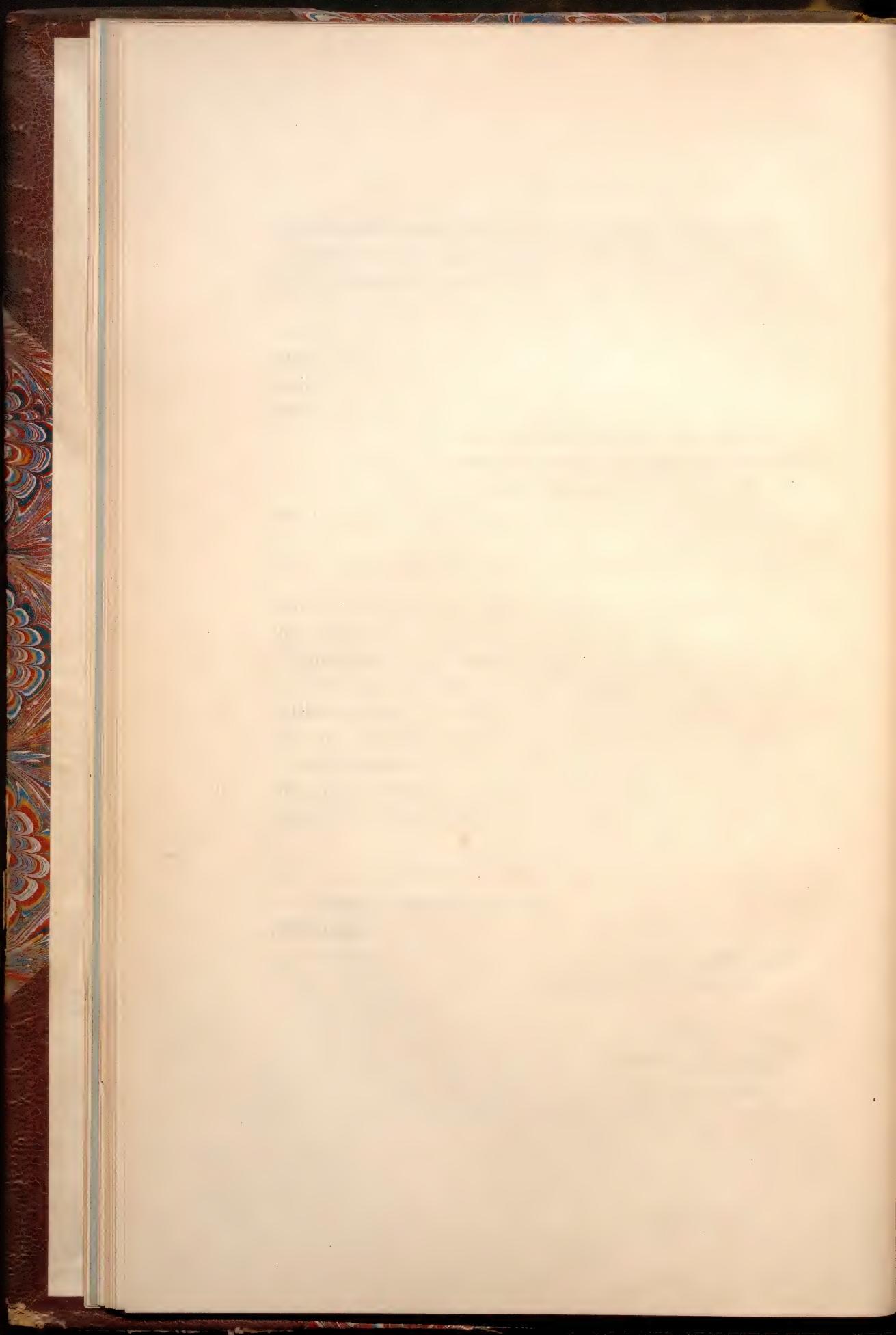
In conclusion, the directors beg to submit to the consideration of the meeting the propriety of providing by a by-law for the annual appointment by the company of a committee of members to examine the accounts of their different branches. The increased responsibilities which the directors have now thrown on them, and the necessity of a proper scrutiny of the management of institutions of a somewhat different character, and with certainly distinct rights, by the same body of persons, render this only proper.

By order of the Directors.

WILLIAM HENRY RAWLE,  
*Secretary.*

May, 1879.



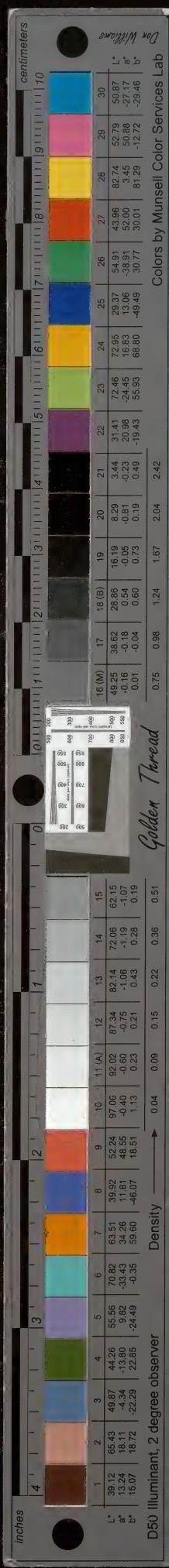


# LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

THE Board of Directors respectfully report to the Members, that the improvements which were under consideration at the time of the last annual meeting have been successfully carried out. Two wells have been placed in the garden, with the design of improving the drainage of the building, and have been found to answer fully the purpose for which they were constructed; and the piazza at the rear of the building not only affords a cool and pleasant retreat for readers in warm weather, but also rendered the Library itself much more comfortable during last summer than it was during the preceding summer.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenses of the Library Company during the past year:—

Books, . . . . .	\$3,855 85
Binding, . . . . .	718 75
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	\$4,574 60
Salaries, . . . . .	3,984 96
Expenses and repairs, . . . . .	2,530 17
Insurance, . . . . .	7 50
Taxes and water-rent, . . . . .	1,582 26
Fitting up Locust street building, . . . . .	2,613 11
Balance, . . . . .	1,548 43
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	\$16,841 03
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Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$1,082 33
Interest and ground-rents, . . . . .	196 33
Rents of Central News building, . . . . .	4,000 00
“ Law building, . . . . .	2,618 05
Subscriptions, . . . . .	272 00
Yearly payments, . . . . .	7,672 32
U. S. Continued 6's paid off, . . . . .	1,000 00
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The Trusts committed to the Company—that is to say, the Loganian Library and the Ridgway Branch—are self-supporting ; and the latter, as will be seen by the following figures, was enabled to expend \$2695.14 during the past year for books and binding. The amount of the Ridgway fund now on hand will warrant the appropriation of a still larger sum for the same object,—say at least \$5000—during the coming year.

*Loganian Library.*

Books, . . . . .	\$32 05
Binding, . . . . .	17 20
	—
Salaries, . . . . .	\$49 25
Rent to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	700 00
Temporary loan returned, . . . . .	600 00
Balance, . . . . .	1,000 00
	501 32
	—
	\$2,850 57
Balance, . . . . .	\$701 60
Bucks county rents, . . . . .	936 38
Interest, . . . . .	1,212 59
	—
	\$2,850 57

*Ridgway Branch.*

Annuities, . . . . .	\$2,980 00
Books, . . . . .	\$2,383 27
Binding, . . . . .	311 87
Manuscript Department, . . . . .	100 00
	—
Salaries, . . . . .	2,795 14
Expenses and repairs, . . . . .	3,722 91
Contingent fund, . . . . .	2,620 14
Balance, . . . . .	825 49
	8,482 61
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	\$21,426 29
Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$5,742 29
Income of real estate, . . . . .	13,630 17
Sales of furniture, . . . . .	340 00
Rent from Loganian Library, . . . . .	600 00
Interest, . . . . .	41 58
Sales of "Rush on Voice," . . . . .	72 25
Temporary loan Loganian repaid, . . . . .	1,000 00
	—
	\$21,426 29

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE, BOOK CIRCULATION, &c., FOR LIBRARY YEAR  
ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1882.

*Locust Street Building.*

Number of days open 309.

Whole number of persons using or visiting the Library :—

Members, males, . . . . .	32,781
"    females, . . . . .	31,645
	64,426
Visitors, males, . . . . .	25,806
"    females, . . . . .	7,617
	33,423
Messengers, . . . . .	6,318
	104,167
Largest monthly attendance, March, 1882, . . . . .	14,998
Smallest " " August, 1881, . . . . .	3,021
Average monthly attendance 8655+	
Largest daily attendance, February 25th, 1882, . . . . .	1,035
Smallest " " August 4th, 1881, . . . . .	56
Average daily attendance 336+	
Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1882, . . . . .	104,167
"    "    "    "    1881, . . . . .	83,417
Difference in favor of this year, . . . . .	20,750

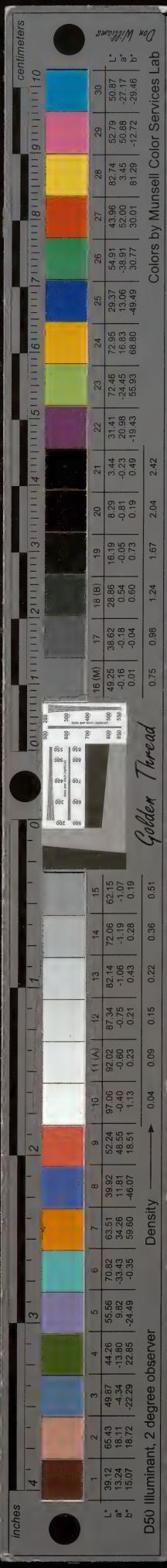
Whole number of books taken out, . . . . . 36,663  
Daily average, 112+

Whole number of works added to the Library :—

By purchase, . . . . .	1,308
By gift, . . . . .	176
	1,484

In all 1638 volumes.

Catalogue cards distributed, copied at Locust street, . . . . .	6,321
"    "    "    "    Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	7,337
	13,658
Add for the duplicate at Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	13,658
Number of cards written and distributed during the year, . . . . .	27,316
Total cards in catalogue at each Library, . . . . .	134,034



*Ridgway Branch.*

Number of days open 270.

Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1882:—

Readers, . . . . .	3,610
Visitors, . . . . .	1,596
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Total, . . . . .	5,206
Daily average, 18 +	

Book circulation:—

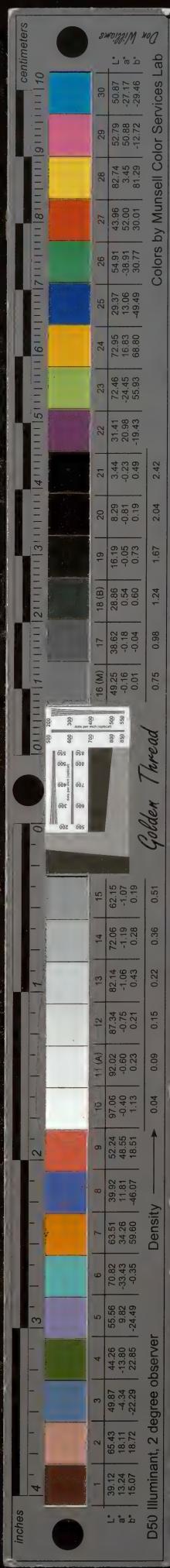
Used in building, . . . . .	4,249
Given out, . . . . .	1,050
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Total, . . . . .	5,299
Daily average, 19 +	

Volumes added to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	1,150
“ “ Loganian Library, . . . . .	104
“ “ Philadelphia Library, as above, . . . . .	1,638
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Total for the year, . . . . .	2,892

The Directors take much pleasure in calling the attention of the Members to the acquisition, by the Library, through the liberality of his family, of the valuable collection of manuscripts and papers left by the late John Jay Smith, Esq., the father and immediate predecessor of the present Librarian. These papers have been placed in the hands of Mr. W. H. B. Thomas for arrangement. This gentleman, who possesses special qualifications for work of this character, after thoroughly examining them made a report, in which he expresses the opinion that the collection is unique and invaluable for historical reference and study. “They cover,” he says, “the entire period of Pennsylvania history. There are over four thousand documents—letters, papers, &c., from 1700 to 1800—containing many papers of great public interest relating to the city of Philadelphia, the divisions of lots among the early inhabit-

ants, and the bonds they gave in payment for them; surveys of several of the original tracts of land on which the city is built, and plotting of the same into lots by the early surveyors. \* \* \* There is a manuscript index of the History of New Jersey (Samuel Smith, 1762), prepared by his brother, John Smith; petitions of the inhabitants to the king and to the proprietors; lists of Friends' ministers in manuscript; many memorials concerning Friends; letters of colonial governors, Franklin, Boone, Belcher, &c.; patents and deeds of Franklin, Samuel Preston Moore, Anthony Benezet, John Woolman, and a host of others illustrative of colonial trade, the social life of the people, &c."

The same gentleman is also now engaged in arranging the papers of the late Dr. James Rush. Under the will of Dr. Rush his manuscript copyrights and papers and also those of his father, Dr. Benjamin Rush, are directed to be placed in a room in the Ridgway Branch of the Library for safe keeping. The report of Mr. Thomas in regard to these papers shows that they also possess great value. "I have made," he says, "a preliminary examination of the 'Rush papers,' contained in fifteen large cases. They comprise the manuscripts, letters, papers, and pamphlets of the celebrated Dr. Rush, during and after the Revolution, a large collection of notes and letters addressed to him during the prevalence of yellow fever in Philadelphia, in the year 1793, a large collection of medical, historical, and political pamphlets, being the united collection of both father and son, covering the period from 1742 to the death of the late Dr. James Rush, in 1869. (Many of these pamphlets are unique and are not in the Philadelphia Library—Ameriana not mentioned in Sabin, and unknown to the bibliographer.) A collection made by Dr. James Rush, commencing about 1828, of ephemeral publications, play bills, posters, circulars, cards, carriers' addresses, advertisements, &c., is of great interest and illustrates the history of the day. \* \* \* The medical and other manuscripts of



the Rush family, papers of family history, controversies of the elder Dr. Rush, are of great value."

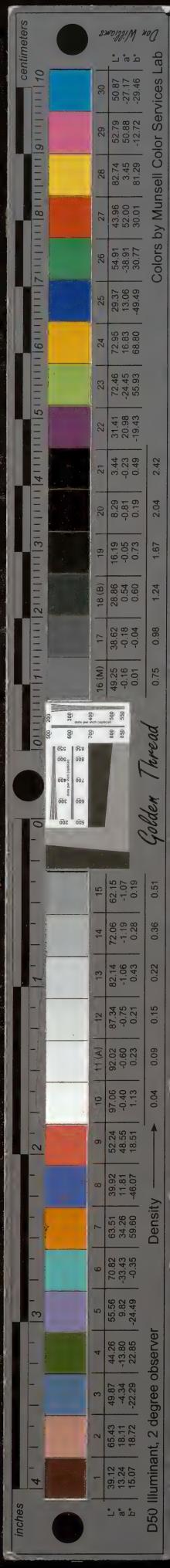
With such a nucleus as exists in these two collections the Directors believe it is proper to create a Manuscript Department, and have therefore set aside the Directors' Room at the Ridgway Branch of the Library for the safe keeping of these and of any future acquisitions of the same kind. They have already reason to believe that at least two other valuable collections of papers, illustrating the colonial and later history of our State, will eventually find their way to this Department, and do not doubt that as soon as it becomes generally known that such a department exists in a fire-proof building many gentlemen in our State and city will be glad to deposit papers of this description therein.

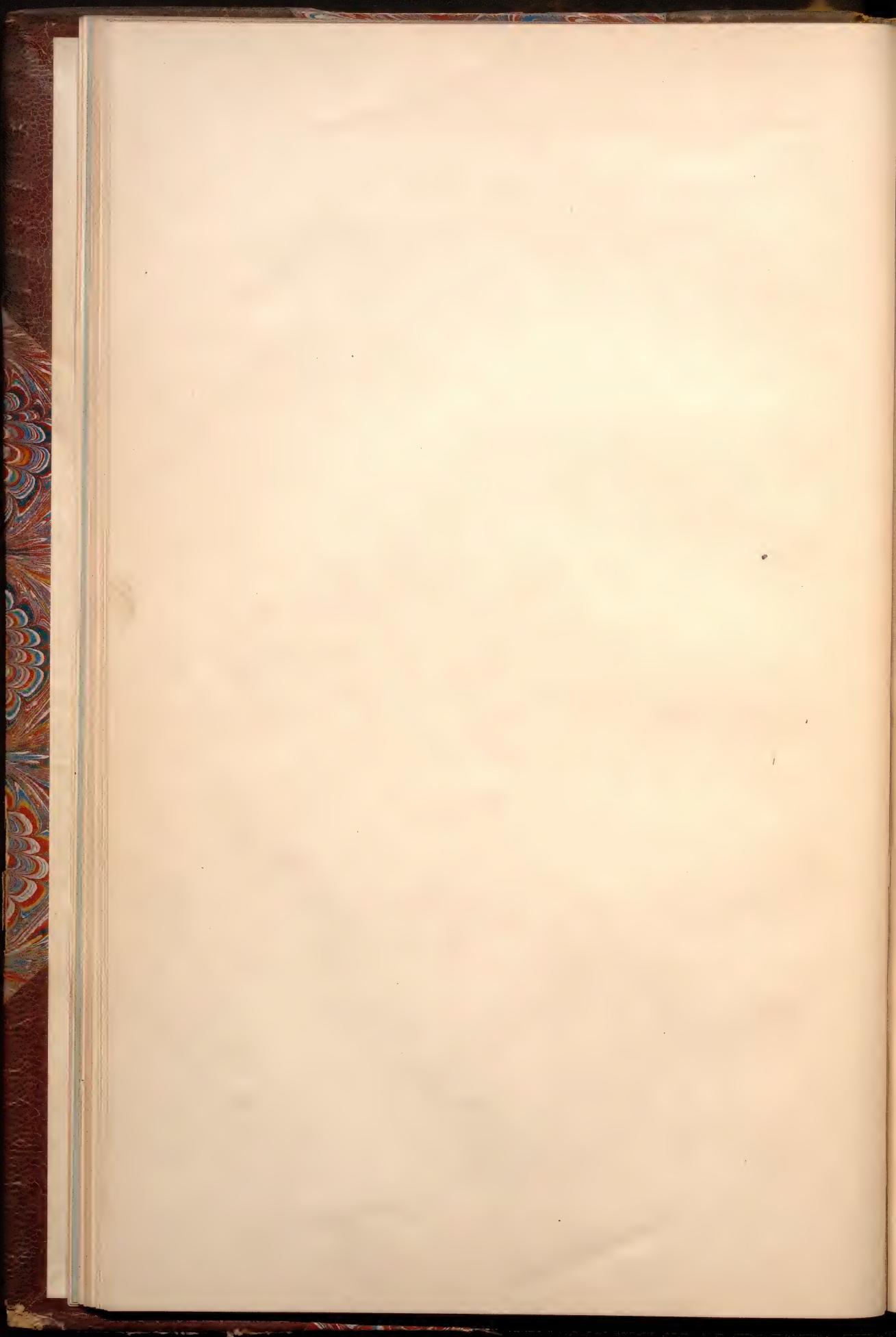
By order of the Board.

GEORGE HARRISON FISHER,

*Secretary.*

MAY 1ST, 1882.





The Board of Directors are glad to report to the members the increased prosperity and usefulness of the institutions under their charge, viz.: The Library Company of Philadelphia, the Loganian Library, and the Ridgway Branch.

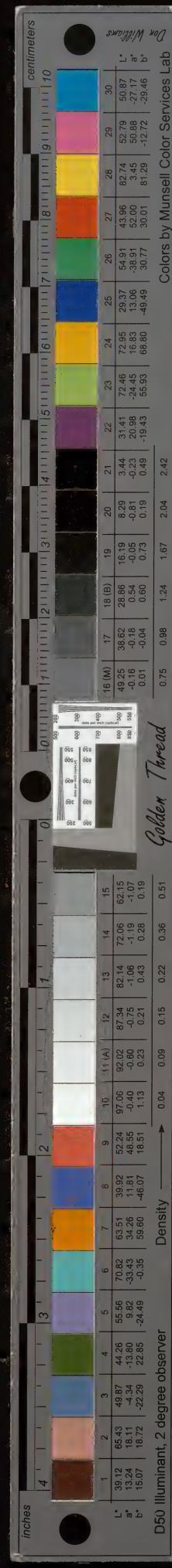
The following is a consolidated statement of their combined receipts and expenditures during the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1883.

**Dr.**

Balances from last year, . . . . .	\$10,533 02
Interest, . . . . .	1,146 78
Net income of real estate, . . . . .	21,656 38
Yearly payments, . . . . .	7,644 96
Subscriptions, . . . . .	322 00
Fines, &c., . . . . .	413 37
Costs in Manners vs. Library Company, . . . . .	6 25
Duplicate sold, . . . . .	25 00
Furniture sold, . . . . .	700 00
"Rush on the Voice" sold, . . . . .	69 20
	<hr/> \$42,516 96

**Cr.**

Books, binding, and catalogues, . . . . .	\$10,337 70
Expenses and repairs, . . . . .	6,858 59
Insurance, . . . . .	7 50
Salaries and Sunday service, . . . . .	9,078 93
Fitting up the new buildings, . . . . .	2,779 33
Manuscript department, . . . . .	1,222 20
Annuities, . . . . .	3,880 00
Contingent fund, . . . . .	1,065 02
Balance on hand, . . . . .	7,287 69
	<hr/> \$42,516 96



The separate statement of each of the Institutions is as follows:—

LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Dr.	
Books, . . . . .	\$4,202 07
Binding, . . . . .	766 35
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Salaries and Sunday service, . . . . .	\$4,968 42
Expenses and repairs:	4,452 68
Coal, . . . . .	460 00
Gas, . . . . .	503 98
Printing and advertising, . . . . .	233 53
Attendance, gardening, cleaning, freight, &c., .	1,216 87
Repairs, . . . . .	1,057 05
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Insurance, . . . . .	3,471 43
Taxes and water rent, . . . . .	7 50
Fitting up Locust street building, . . . . .	1,608 45
Balance, . . . . .	1,472 25
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	348 59
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	\$16,329 32

Cr.

Balance from last account, . . . . .	\$1,549 09
Interest and ground-rent, . . . . .	119 52
Rents of Law Buildings, . . . . .	2,662 50
" " Central News Building, . . . . .	4,000 00
Yearly payments, . . . . .	7,644 96
Subscriptions, . . . . .	322 00
Costs returned in <i>Manners vs. Library Company</i> , .	6 25
Duplicate sold, . . . . .	25 00
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	\$16,329 32

LOGANIAN LIBRARY.

Dr.

Books and binding, . . . . .	\$413 45
Salaries, . . . . .	700 00
Rent paid to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	600 00
Balance, . . . . .	733 00
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	\$2,446 45

Cr.

Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$501 32
Bucks county rents, . . . . .	904 64
Interest, . . . . .	1,040 49
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	\$2,446 45

## RIDGWAY BRANCH.

## Dr.

Annuities, . . . . .	\$3,880 00
Books, . . . . .	\$3,784 07
Binding, . . . . .	638 93
Printing catalogues, . . . . .	575 33
	4,998 33
Salaries and Sunday service, . . . . .	3,926 25
Expenses, coal, cleaning, gardening, &c., . . . . .	2,931 29
Fitting up new building, . . . . .	1,307 08
Contingent fund, . . . . .	1,065 02
Manuscript Department, . . . . .	1,222 20
Balance, . . . . .	6,206 10
	\$25,536 27

## Cr.

Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$8,482 61
Net income of real estate, . . . . .	15,601 91
Rent from Loganian Library, . . . . .	600 00
Sales of furniture, . . . . .	700 00
Interest on cash balance, . . . . .	82 55
Sales of "Rush on the Voice," . . . . .	69 20
	\$25,536 27

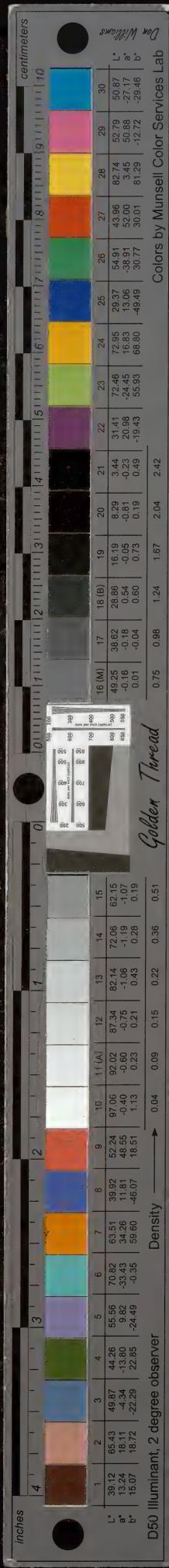
These statements do not include the Poulson Fund of \$500, the interest of which is to be applied to the purchase of books relative to Philadelphia; nor the contingent fund of the Ridgway Branch, now \$3150.70, a fund created under the will of Dr. James Rush. The account is as follows:—

## POULSON FUND.

Amount received from executor of Charles A. Poulson, dec'd, . .	\$500 00
Interest, . . . . .	5 29
Cash in Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives, . . . .	\$505 29

## CONTINGENT FUND OF THE RIDGWAY BRANCH.

Balance from last account, . . . . .	\$1,801 10
Appropriated from Ridgway Fund, . . . . .	1,065 02
Interest, . . . . .	135 58
	\$3,001 70
Cash paid for 3000 P. W. & B. 4's, . . . . .	\$2,850 00
Balance, . . . . .	151 90
	\$3,001 70



These accounts show that more than \$10,000 have been expended within the year in books, binding, &c., and the usual semi-annual lists of new books, which is the largest sum heretofore spent for this purpose. This increased expenditure was warranted by the increased productiveness of the endowments, and was in accordance with the suggestion of the Board to the members in the last annual report. The result is, of course, a diminution of the balance carried to the credit of the new year.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE, BOOK CIRCULATION, &c., 1882.

*Locust Street Building.*

Number of days open 305.

Whole number of persons using or visiting the Library :—

Members, males, . . . . .	31,833
"    females, . . . . .	33,837
	65,670
Visitors, males, . . . . .	30,267
"    females, . . . . .	8,344
	38,611
Messengers, . . . . .	6,905
— Total, . . . . .	111,186

Largest monthly attendance, March, 1883, . . . . . 14,227

Smallest " " August, 1882, . . . . . 3,615

Average monthly attendance 9265+

Largest daily attendance, May 30th, 1882, . . . . . 812

Smallest " " August 22d, 1882, . . . . . 103

Average daily attendance 336+

Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1883, . . . . . 111,186  
" " " " " 1882, . . . . . 104,167

Difference in favor of this year, . . . . . 7,019

Whole number of books taken out, . . . . . 39,889

Daily average, 130+

Whole number of works added to the Library :—

By purchase, . . . . . 1,325  
By gift, . . . . . 107

Total, . . . . . 1,431

In all 1638 volumes.

Catalogue cards distributed, copied at Locust street, . . . . .	7,222
"    "    "    "    Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	9,384
Total, . . . . .	16,606
Add for the duplicate at Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	16,606
Number of cards written and distributed during the year, . . .	33,212
Total cards in catalogue at each Library, . . . . .	139,723

*Ridgway Branch.*

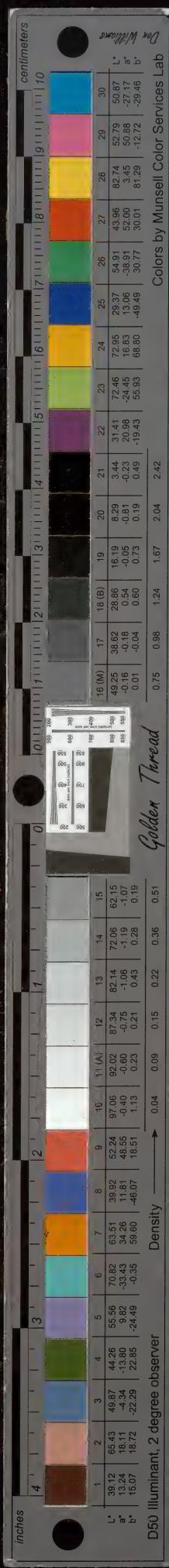
Number of days open 275.

Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1882:—

Readers, . . . . .	3,633
Visitors, . . . . .	9,052
Total, . . . . .	12,685
Daily average, 46+	
Book circulation:	
Used in building, . . . . .	8,040
Given out, . . . . .	1,212
Total, . . . . .	9,252
Daily average, 33+	

Volumes added to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	1,867
"    "    Loganian Library, . . . . .	35
"    "    Philadelphia Library, as above, . . . . .	1,638
Total for the year, . . . . .	3,540

It has been the increasing wish of the Board to extend the benefits of the libraries as far as possible to all classes of the community; in other words, to make them as nearly as may be "public libraries." The gratifying increase in the number of readers who, without charge of any kind, visited them, induced the Board to keep the library open for readers on Sundays, and this commenced in the Locust Street Library on the 5th of November, 1882, and at the Ridgway Branch on the 7th of January, 1883, between the hours of 1 and 6 o'clock P. M. The following is a statement of the attendance at each:—



*Locust Street Library.*

First Sunday open, November 5th, 1882.

Number of Sundays open 26.

Members, males, . . . . .	215
" females, . . . . .	44
Total members, . . . . .	259

Visitors, males, . . . . .	1,828
" females, . . . . .	106
Total visitors, . . . . .	1,934
Total of all kinds, . . . . .	2,193

## BOOK ACCOUNT.—BEGUN SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 1883.

*(Books asked for at desk.)*

January, 1883, 4 Sundays, . . . . .	146
February, " 4 " . . . . .	138
March, " 4 " . . . . .	151
April, " 5 " . . . . .	164
Total, 17 Sundays, . . . . .	599

## Made up as follows:

Periodicals, . . . . .	75
Religion, . . . . .	18
Jurisprudence, . . . . .	8
Sciences and Arts, . . . . .	112
Belles Lettres, . . . . .	101
Fiction, English, . . . . .	102
" French, . . . . .	6
History and Travel, . . . . .	177
Total, . . . . .	599

*Ridgway Branch.*

First Sunday open, January 7th, 1883.

Number of Sundays open 17.

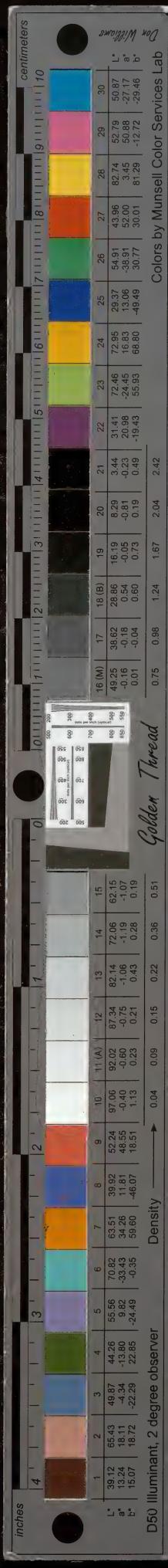
Readers, . . . . .	256
Visitors, . . . . .	5,127
Total, . . . . .	5,383
Books consulted, . . . . .	434

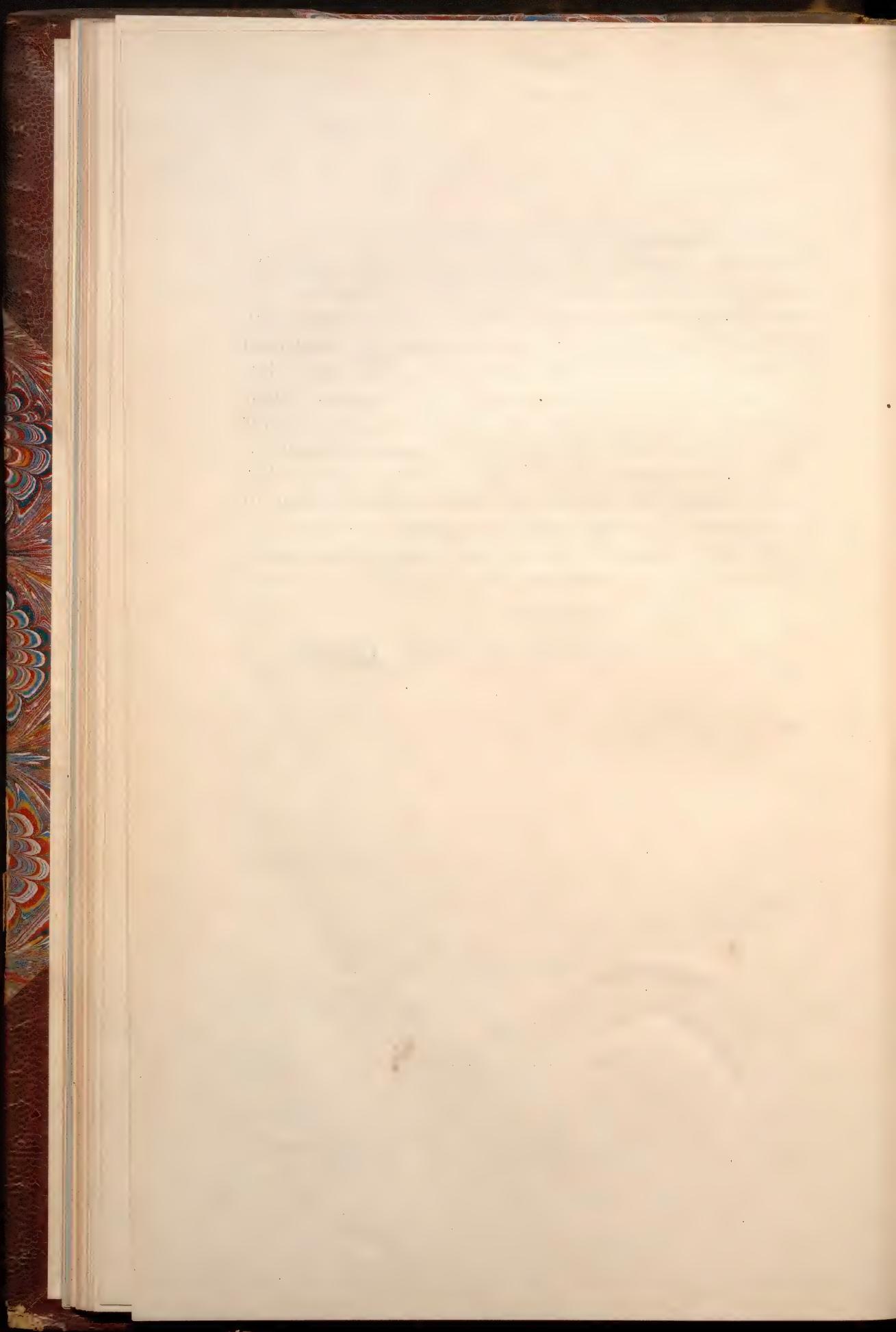
In their last report, the Directors called attention to the Manuscript Department of the libraries, commenced by the acquisition of the collection of papers of the late Dr. James Rush, and our former Librarian and Treasurer John Jay Smith, Esq. These are of great value, and have been arranged by Mr. W. H. B. Thomas, in a way which has quite justified the belief expressed by the Directors in their last report. It is hoped that the care which is given to this department will justify its increase by other contributions.

Since the removal of the Library to Locust street, it has not been the custom to close the Locust street building in the summer. This year, owing to repairs which are required on the main floor, it is found absolutely necessary to close the Library for the month of August.

By order of the Board.

GEORGE HARRISON FISHER,  
*Secretary.*





# Library Company of Philadelphia.

MAY, 1884.

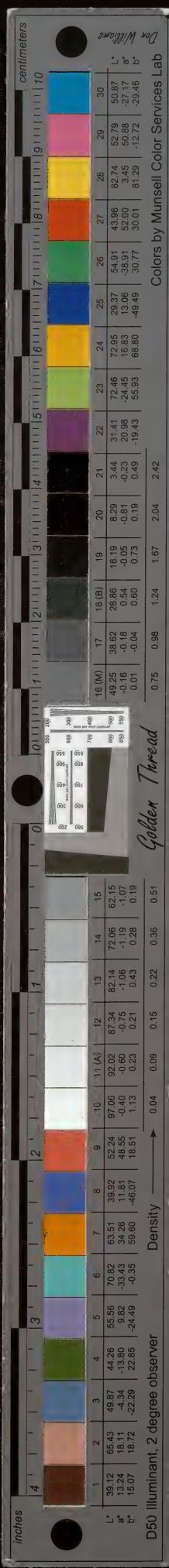
## *The Directors Respectfully Report—*

That about two months ago an application was made to them by Messrs. Drexel & Co., owning the property at the south-east corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, to know for what consideration the company would release to them a restriction it holds on the property extending for twenty feet to the northward of its line, against buildings more than eight feet high. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, who reported in favor of accepting an offer made to them of \$2000 for executing the release, and this was agreed to by the Board.

Negotiations were afterwards reopened with the Board, and this time for the purchase of the Law Buildings. These negotiations have finally resulted in the sale to Mr. Anthony J. Drexel, not only of the Law Buildings, but also of the old Library Building adjoining, being all the Company's property at Fifth and Library streets, for \$105,000, subject to the approval of the Company at its annual meeting.

The total expenditure for books and binding during the past year was \$7510.10. This includes a payment of \$500 out of the funds of the Ridgway Branch on account of the purchase of the Chess Library of the late Prof. George Allen, of the University of Pennsylvania, a collection which has no superior anywhere, and which embraces over nine hundred titles. A special room has been assigned to it in the building at Broad and Christian streets, where a chess table has been provided for the use of amateurs and students of this intellectual game.

The Directors are gratified to report a steady increase in the number of yearly, half-yearly, and quarterly subscribers.



The income from this source, as appears from the statement below, was \$556. The number of persons, neither members nor subscribers, who, especially on Sunday afternoons, avail themselves of the liberal provisions of the Company's rules to consult its books in the rooms, also exhibits a gratifying increase. The following is the detailed

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE, BOOK CIRCULATION, &c.

*Locust Street Building.*

Number of days open,	273.
Number of persons using or visiting the library :	
Members, males,	31,780
" females,	31,892
	63,672
Visitors, males,	30,307
" females,	9,687
	39,994
Messengers,	8,092
Total,	<u>III,758</u>
Largest monthly attendance, March 1884,	
Smallest " " July 1883,	16,021
Average monthly attendance, 10,159+	5,238
Largest daily attendance, March 1st, 1884,	827
Smallest " " Sept. 19th, 1883,	118
Average daily attendance, 409+	
Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1884,	III,758
" " " " " 1883,	<u>III,186</u>
Difference in favor of this year,	<u>572</u>
NOTE.—The library was closed during the month of August,	
making a difference in the attendance of about . . . . .	4,000
Whole number of books taken out, . . . . .	37,360
Daily average, 136+	
Number of works added to the library :	
By purchase, . . . . .	1,393
" gift, . . . . .	291
Total, . . . . .	<u>1,684</u>
In all 2039 volumes.	

The library was open 47 Sundays.

Attendance, members, males, . . . . .	492
" females, . . . . .	44
	536
Visitors, males, . . . . .	4,368
" females, . . . . .	167
	4,535
Total, . . . . .	5,071

Average for each Sunday, 107+

Number of books consulted, 1,418.

Average for each Sunday, 30+

Catalogue cards distributed :

Copied at Locust street, . . . . .	6,904
" " Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	12,736
	19,640
Add for the duplicate at Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	19,640
	39,280

Number of cards written and distributed during year . . . . .

159,363

#### *Ridgway Branch.*

Number of days open, 273.

Attendance for year ending April 30th, 1884 :

Readers, . . . . .	2,530
Visitors, . . . . .	5,419
Total, . . . . .	7,949

Daily average, 29+

Book circulation :

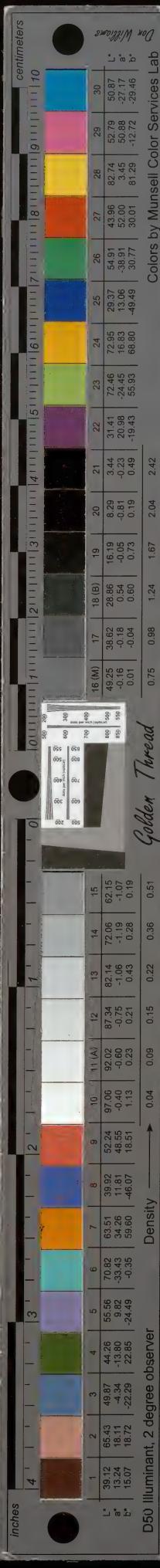
Used in building, . . . . .	6,761
Given out, . . . . .	1,561
Total, . . . . .	8,322

Daily average, 30+

Volumes added to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .

" " " Loganian Library, . . . . .

2,425



Number of Sundays open, 48.	
Attendance, readers, . . . . .	533
" visitors, . . . . .	5,195
	5,728

Average attendance at the Ridgway Branch on Sunday, 110+

Books read, . . . . .	934
Average per Sunday, 17+	

Total number of volumes added to both libraries, . . . . .	4,464
Total number of persons visiting both libraries, . . . . .	130,486

The receipts and expenditures of the Company, and of the several trusts confided to it, are as follows:—

LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

DR. Books, . . . . .	\$3,573 62
Binding, . . . . .	841 23
	—————\$4,414 85
Coal and gas, . . . . .	952 73
Printing and advertising, . . . . .	147 55
Cleaning, ice, freight, postage, and incidentals, . . . . .	961 73
Repairs and improvements, . . . . .	1,903 51
Insurance, . . . . .	7 50
Taxes and water rent, . . . . .	1,506 67
Salaries and Sunday service, . . . . .	4,877 15
Balance, . . . . .	1,716 50
	—————\$16,488 19

CR. Balance from last account, . . . . .	\$348 59
Interest and ground rents, . . . . .	107 61
Rents of law buildings, . . . . .	2,384 41
" " Central News Company, . . . . .	4,000 00
Yearly payments, . . . . .	7,608 88
Subscriptions, . . . . .	556 00
Loganian Library, for books imported	\$69 37
Duplicates sold, . . . . .	50 00
	—————119 37
Taxes refunded, . . . . .	30 00
Release of restrictions on Fifth street property, . . . . .	1,333 33
	—————\$16,488 19

## RIDGWAY BRANCH.

Dr.	Annuities, . . . . .	\$3,880 00
	Books, . . . . .	\$2,174 49
	Binding, . . . . .	800 05
	Printing catalogues, . . . . .	495 37
		3,469 91
	Salaries and Sunday service, . . . . .	4,602 00
	Incidental expenses, . . . . .	\$1,382 65
	Coal and ice, . . . . .	837 09
		2,219 74
	Repairs and improvements, . . . . .	488 90
	Contingent fund, . . . . .	1,172 19
	Manuscript department, . . . . .	2,193 15
	Balance, . . . . .	4,965 56
		\$22,991 45

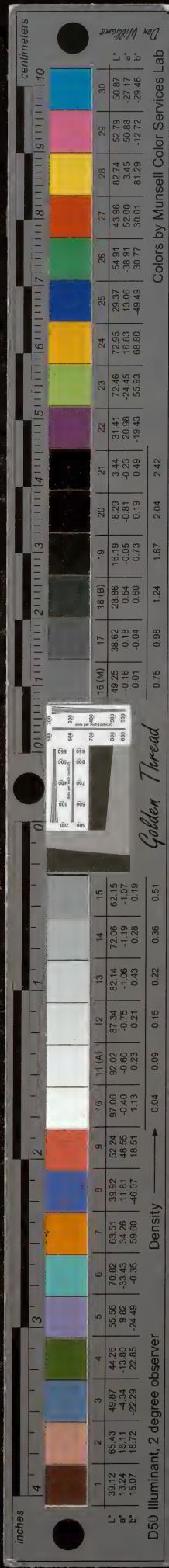
Cr.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$6,206 10
	Net income of real estate, . . . . .	16,030 87
	Rent from Loganian Library, . . . . .	600 00
	Sales of furniture, . . . . .	10 00
	Interest and dividend, . . . . .	106 28
	Sales of "Rush on the Voice," . . . . .	38 20
		\$22,991 45

## CONTINGENT FUND OF THE RIDGWAY BRANCH.

Dr.	Cash for \$1000 P. W. & B. 4's, . . . . .	\$940 00
	Alterations in No. 1200 Callowhill street, . . .	400 00
	Balance, . . . . .	147 55
		\$1,487 55
Cr.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$151 70
	Transferred from the funds of Ridgway	
	Branch . . . . .	1,172 19
	Interest, . . . . .	163 66
		\$1,487 55

## POULSON FUND.

Dr.	Cash for \$500 Bond of the Corning, Cowan- esque & Antrim R. R Co., . . . . .	\$501 00
	Balance, . . . . .	9 10
		\$510 10
Cr.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$505 29
	Interest, . . . . .	4 81
		\$510 10



## LOGANIAN LIBRARY.

Dr.	Salaries, . . . . .	\$700 00
	Rent paid to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	600 00
	Incidental expenses, . . . . .	126 22
	Books, . . . . .	150 38
	Binding, . . . . .	39 70
	Balance, . . . . .	1,222 51
		—————
		\$2,838 81
Cr.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$733 00
	Bucks County ground-rents, . . . . .	940 39
	Interest, . . . . .	1,165 42
		—————
		\$2,838 81

By order of the Board.

GEO: HARRISON FISHER,  
*Secretary.*

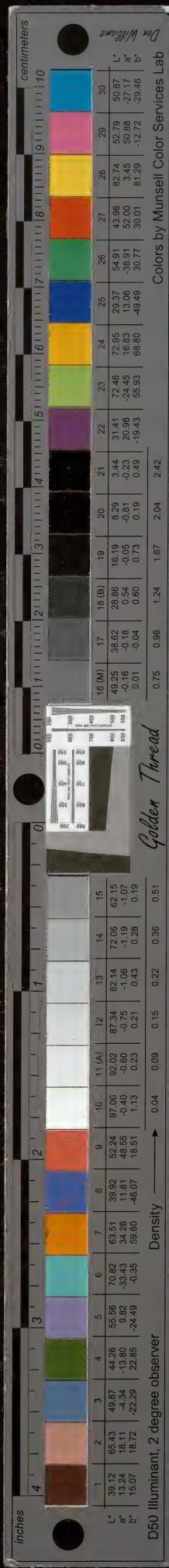
May 5th, 1884.

# LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

MAY, 1885.

The Directors respectfully refer the members to the report of the Librarian for detailed statements of the practical working of the library during the past year. It shows a marked increase in the attendance of members and other persons at the Locust Street branch over that of the preceding year. Indeed, the Directors have been much impressed of late by the large and constantly growing use which is made of it as a reading room. At no time in the day are there usually fewer than from twenty to thirty people quietly reading here, and frequently in the afternoon the number is much greater. On some occasions, and especially on Sunday afternoons, the room is uncomfortably crowded. These people invariably conduct themselves in an orderly manner, and for the most part manifest, by the character of the books they ask for, a desire for self-improvement. It is evident that increased accommodations will be required at no distant day for this class of visitors. This can only be provided by enlarging the present building. The lot to the rear of it, which the Company owns, affords more than sufficient space for this needed improvement, which the Directors are, however, prevented for the present from undertaking by the want of sufficient funds.

On the other hand the Librarian's report shows a decided falling off in the attendance of members and in the number of visitors at the Ridgway branch. On Sunday the character of the visitors is not so satisfactory, many being attracted solely by curiosity to see the building, and others resorting to it as a lounging place, and the number of readers is so small that the Directors have been seriously considering the question whether it is well any longer to open it on that day.



The following is the detailed

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE, BOOK CIRCULATION, &C.

*Locust Street Building.*

Number of days open, 306.

Number of persons using or visiting the library :

Members, males, . . . . .	37,247
"    females, . . . . .	38,318
	75,565
Visitors, males, . . . . .	40,806
"    females, . . . . .	10,434
	51,240
Messengers, . . . . .	7,025
Total, . . . . .	133,830

Largest monthly attendance, Jan., 1885, . . . . . 16,649

Smallest " " Aug., 1884, . . . . . 5,298

Average monthly attendance, 11,152+

Largest daily attendance, Feb. 28th, 1885, . . . . . 895

Smallest " " Aug. 21st, 1884, . . . . . 100

Average daily attendance, 437+

Attendance for year ending April 19th, 1885, . . . . . 133,830

" " " " " 1884, . . . . . 111,186

Difference in favor of this year, . . . . . 22,644

Whole number of books taken out, . . . . . 45,090

Daily average, 147+

The library was open on 52 Sundays.

Attendance, members, males, . . . . . 410

    "    females, . . . . . 32

442

Visitors, males, . . . . . 5,058

    "    females, . . . . . 75

5,133

Total, . . . . . 5,575

Average for each Sunday, 107+

Number of volumes asked for at desk, 3113.

Average for each Sunday, 59+

Number of works added to the library :

By purchase, . . . . . 1,440

    " gift, . . . . . 301

1,741

Total, . . . . . 1,741

In all 2537 volumes.

## Catalogue cards distributed:

Copied at Locust street, . . . . .	6,111
" " Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	14,861
Total, . . . . .	20,972
Add for the duplicate at Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	20,972
Number of cards written and distributed during year, . . .	<u>41,944</u>

Total cards in catalogue, . . . . .	180,335
Duplicate at Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	180,335
Manuscript Department, . . . . .	20,240
	<u>380,910</u>

*Ridgway Branch.*

Number of days open, 280.

Attendance for year ending April 19th, 1885:

Readers, . . . . .	2,056
Visitors, . . . . .	3,999
Total, . . . . .	<u>6,055</u>

Daily average, 21+

Book circulation:

Used in building, . . . . .	4,500
Given out, . . . . .	1,514
Total, . . . . .	<u>6,014</u>

Daily average, 21+

Volumes added to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	1,835
" " " Loganian Library, . . . . .	85
	<u>1,920</u>

Number of Sundays open, 47.

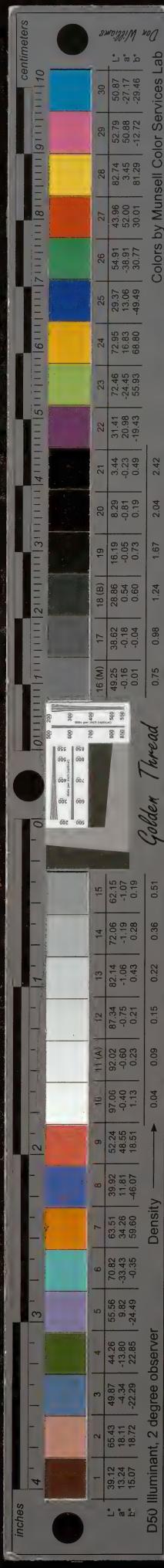
Attendance, readers, . . . . .	515
" visitors, . . . . .	3,913
	<u>4,428</u>

Average attendance at the Ridgway Branch on Sunday, 94+

Books read, . . . . .	899
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Average per Sunday, 18+

Total number of volumes added to both libraries, . . . . .	4,457
Total number of persons visiting both libraries, . . . . .	149,888



The receipts and expenditures of the Company, and of the several trusts confided to it, are as follows:—

LIBRARY COMPANY.

DR.	Books, . . . . .	\$5,094 23
	Binding, . . . . .	653 30
		—————
		\$5,747 53
	Printing Bulletin, . . . . .	290 02
	Coal, gas, and ice, . . . . .	673 33
	Cleaning, freights, and incidentals, . . . . .	1,153 61
	Repairs and improvements, . . . . .	970 59
	Insurance, . . . . .	7 50
	Taxes and water rent, . . . . .	882 30
	Salaries and Sunday service, . . . . .	4,753 04
	Reinvestment—proceeds of sale of Fifth street property, . . . . .	107,761 77
		—————
		\$122,239 69

CR.	Balance from last account, . . . . .	\$1,716 50
	Interest and ground rents, . . . . .	2,773 39
	Duplicate book sold, . . . . .	100 00
	C. Jackson, for "amount due you," . . . . .	3 25
	Rents of Fifth street property, . . . . .	2,441 46
	Yearly payments, . . . . .	7,747 65
	Subscriptions, . . . . .	534 00
	Proceeds of sale of Fifth street property, . .	106,592 92
	Balance, . . . . .	330 52
		—————
		\$122,239 69

LOGANIAN.

DR.	Books, . . . . .	\$688 00
	Binding, . . . . .	38 50
		—————
		\$726 50
	Printing Bulletin, . . . . .	252 98
	Rent to Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	600 00
	Salaries, . . . . .	700 00
	Mortgage purchased, . . . . .	4,000 00
	Balance, . . . . .	1,846 55
		—————
		\$8,126 03

CR.	Balance from last account, . . . . .	\$1,222 51
	Bucks county rents, . . . . .	1,010 47
	Interest, . . . . .	893 05
	Mortgage paid off, . . . . .	5,000 00
		—————
		\$8,126 03

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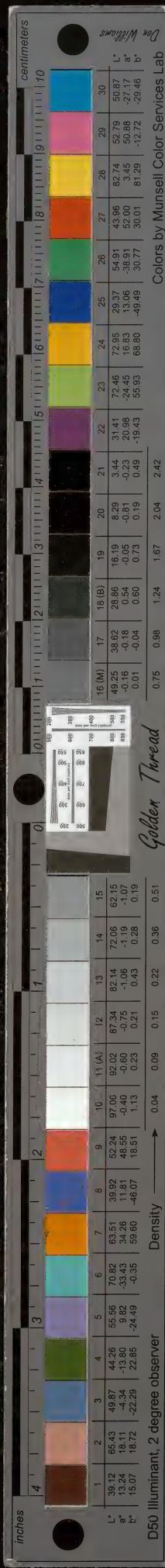
DR.	Annuities, . . . . .	\$3,880 00
	Books, . . . . .	\$2,417 98
	Binding, . . . . .	617 63
		3,035 61
	Salaries and Sunday service, . . . . .	4,745 56
	Cleaning, repairs, and incidentals, . . . . .	1,684 81
	Coal and ice, . . . . .	755 65
	Additional shelving, . . . . .	1,133 18
	Contingent fund, . . . . .	1,215 89
	Manuscript department, . . . . .	200 00
	Balance, . . . . .	4,237 71
		\$20,888 41
CR.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$4,965 56
	Net income of real estate, . . . . .	15,277 02
	Rent from Loganian Library, . . . . .	600 00
	Interest on cash balance, . . . . .	12 63
	Sales of "Rush on the Voice," . . . . .	33 20
		\$20,888 41

## Contingent fund of Ridgway Branch :

DR.	Cash for \$1000 P. W. & B. 4's, . . . . .	\$947 50
	Balance, . . . . .	622 57
		\$1,570 07
CR.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$147 55
	Transferred from Ridgway Branch, . . . . .	1,215 89
	Interest, . . . . .	206 63
		\$1,570 07

## Poulson Fund.

DR.	Cost of "Scharf's History of Philadelphia," . . . . .	\$20 00
	Balance, . . . . .	19 16
		\$39 16
CR.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$9 10
	Interest, . . . . .	30 06
		\$39 16



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF  
THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR 1884-'85.

DR.	Books and binding, . . . . .	\$9,529 64
	Printing catalogues, . . . . .	543 00
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		\$10,072 64
	Incidental expenses, coal, gas, cleaning, wages of assistants, freights, &c., . . . . .	4,267 40
	Additional shelving, . . . . .	2,103 77
	Insurance, . . . . .	7 50
	Salaries, . . . . .	10,198 60
	Investments, . . . . .	112,709 27
	Annuities, . . . . .	3,880 00
	Manuscript department, . . . . .	200 00
	Taxes and water rent, . . . . .	882 30
	Balance carried forward, . . . . .	6,395 47
		—————
		\$150,716 95
CR.	Balance from last year, . . . . .	\$8,061 22
	Interest and ground rents, . . . . .	4,926 23
	Duplicate sold, . . . . .	100 00
	C. Jackson, . . . . .	3 25
	Net income of real estate, . . . . .	17,718 48
	Yearly payments, . . . . .	7,747 65
	Subscriptions, . . . . .	534 00
	Sales of "Rush on the Voice," . . . . .	33 20
	Real estate sold, . . . . .	\$106,592 92
	Mortgage paid off, . . . . .	5,000 00
		—————
		111,592 92
		—————
		\$150,716 95

By order of the Board.

LLOYD P. SMITH,  
*Secretary pro tem.*

